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SUBJECT: HELICOPTER TENDER

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THROUGH COMMERCIAL SOURCES THAT SEVERAL US FIRMS PLAN TO BID ON THE GUB TENDER FOR HELICOPTERS DESCRIBED REFTEL. AT LEAST ONE COMPANY WILL SUBMIT BIDS ON BELL 205 A-1'S. WHEN THIS TENDER FIRST APPEARED, WE ASSUMED INCORRECTLY THAT RESPONSES WOULD BE MINIMAL IN ABSENCE OF MORE INFORMATION ON MODEL DESIRED, FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

2. IN EXAMINING TENDER IT APPEARS THAT BURMESE MILITARY MAY HAVE OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR AIRCRAFT IN
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ESSENTIALLY CIVILIAN CAPACITY OF SUPPLYING FOREIGN OIL

COMPANY OFFSHORE RIGS. QUERY HAS BEEN RAISED HERE AS TO WHETHER LOCAL OIL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN APPRISED OF THIS LIKELIHOOD AND, IF SO, HOW HAVE THEY REACTED.

3. APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON A DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD APPEAR TO US AS INDICATING THE BURMESE, WHILE OBTAINING HELICOPTERS ON A GRANT BASIS FOR A USG-SUPPORTED NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM, ARE SEEKING TO PURCHASE LARGELY IDENTICAL AIRCRAFT FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES. ANY ADDI-

TIONAL DATA ON FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS, ETC, ALSO WOULD BE HELPFUL IN HANDLING QUERIES HERE. INGERSOLL

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